Panther Valley Junior-Senior High School

HOUSING AND INTERIOR DESIGN

Course 8200 | Section 2

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Course Description

This course introduces students to foundational techniques in home maintenance and interior design. Through practical, hands-on experiences, students will gain skills in architectural drafting, basic electrical wiring, and painting. The course also explores fundamental design principles, including aesthetics, space planning, and color theory. Students will become familiar with building codes and industry standards relevant to facilities management and related career pathways. **This is a .5 credit course.**

Course Outcomes

1. Evaluate residential housing based on structure, function, and affordability.
2. Demonstrate foundational skills in architectural drawing.
3. Apply principles of design to create functional and aesthetically pleasing spaces.
4. Interpret building codes, OSHA guidelines, and ADA standards.
5. Safely perform fundamental painting and house wiring techniques.
6. Investigate career pathways in housing and interior design industries.

Textbook

Instructor handouts will be provided in lieu of a textbook.

Required Supplies

Each student must bring a writing utensil to every class.
A folder for each student will be provided and must also be brought to every class.

Grading Policy

10% Homework Assignments – either online or printed.
15% Class Work – including collaborative and independent assignments.
35% Lab/Project Grade – specific requirements will vary for each lab and project.
15% Tests – each unit will conclude with a test.
25% Behavior – considers attendance, participation, behavior, and tardiness.

While many resources will be posted online in Google Classroom, there will also be a lot of printed materials provided in this class. Please keep all handouts in your folder!
Flexible Instruction Days ("FID") assignments must be completed on the day assigned.

Course Outline

- Residential Housing
- Architectural Drafting
- Interior Design
- Building Codes and Regulations
- Purchasing Considerations
- Painting
- Utilities
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Introduction to ADA
- Career Exploration in Housing and Interior Design

Classroom Rules

1. Follow directions!!!
2. Be in your seat when the bell rings!!!
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself!!!
4. No foul language, teasing, or put-downs!!!
5. No unauthorized use of technology!!!

Consequences

1. Warning
2. Student-Teacher Meeting
3. Write Up
4. Send to Office
   Severe clause: call security and send directly to principal!

Policies and Procedures

Bullying: There is a zero-tolerance policy for bullying or harassment. Students who feel that they are being bullied should speak with Mr. Costa immediately after class.

Mobile Devices: "Put your phone away" means putting the phone in your pocket and keeping it there. Turning it over or putting it on your lap is considered defiance and will lead to disciplinary action.

Hall Passes: Each student gets *one pass* per week. Passes are only granted for *legitimate purposes*. Visiting coaches, the gym, Panther Den, or the ROTC room, will not be permitted. Students cannot make a pass without approval.

Interruptions: Interruptions will not be tolerated. Please close the door upon exiting.

Accountability: Students are responsible for showing up to class on time, handing in assignments, and asking for help when needed. I expect you to be accountable, and you can expect me to be supportive, clear, and fair. There is no excuse for not trying.